

# Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, JULY 7, 1906.

## MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS

Tattered paper will soon be manufactured at Battle Creek.

An effort is being made to organize a gymnasium at Muskegon.

Michigan has ninety lodges of Knights of Honor, with 3,290 members.

A lodge of L. O. O. F. will be instituted at Muskegon next Tuesday, July 14.

Pinecrackers caused the destruction of a large barn at Linden on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Atchuck has removed from Saginaw to Orion, Oakland county.

Ninety-eight new lodges of Knights of Honor were organized in this State last year.

The old Ninth Michigan will hold its reunion at Powersville on the 12th of August.

The Episcopalians at Evert, Oceoda County, will build a new church this season.

A Hart young man has a young black bear for a pet. Demonstrative girls must be scarce.

The new Masonic Temple at Battle Creek is completed and will be occupied about the 15th.

Iron Mountain, Marquette county, will have a new Presbyterian Church this summer to cost \$3,000.

The Lake Superior mines ship more ore than any others this season, lake freights are lower than ever.

Bids are being made at Marshall for the construction of two fire stations, with a capacity of 400 barrels each.

An encampment of L. O. O. F. is being organized at Big Rapids. It will start with not less than sixteen members.

M. G. Slinger's mill and bowl factory at Orion was burned Friday night. Loss about two thousand; no insurance.

The Presbyterian Church at Hastings is in financial straits and is thinking of closing the church and dismissing the pastor.

The newly dedicated St. Albert's Church, at Detroit, has a seating capacity of 4,000 persons. It is of Gothic architecture.

John Henry, a Frenchtown farmer, fell in front of a day-care on Saturday, and his horse ran away hurting him, probably fatally.

The Methodists will dedicate a new church edifice at Clyde, Oakland County, on the 12th inst., and one at Mecosta on the 1st of August.

Saturday evening Charles Sinn, a lad aged 14 years, living at Flint, was stabbed by some person unknown and will probably die.

Over 15,000 crates of strawberries were shipped from Muskegon, Strawberry Crossing and Mona Lake from the 17th to the 30th of last month.

The Rev. S. H. Cheside, of Mecosta, has accepted a call in Washington territory and is contemplating leaving for his new field of labor August 10.

The Rev. Mr. Magee, of Cumber, Sanial county, has accepted the pastorate of a Presbyterian Church in Kentucky, for which State he will leave soon.

Marshall claims to have paid higher prices for wool than any other place in that part of the State, and farmers came from thirty miles to that market.

The Taylor & Denning planing mill at Evert, owned by the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad Company was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Loss \$300. Incendiary.

Little Clay Cole, of Jackson, the boy accidentally shot by young Banbury a few weeks ago, doesn't recover very rapidly. He is now threatened with diphtheria.

A man supposed to be McLean, of Grand Haven, died in a Big Rapids den on Saturday, under suspicious circumstances. His stomach will be submitted to a chemist.

It is said that work on the street railway between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor will be commenced this week, and an effort will be made to complete it in time for the reunion.

While Mr. T. G. Brooks' family, of Jackson, were watching the circus parade Wednesday, thieves entered the home and carried off a gold watch and chain, a diamond earring and other articles.

Adrian enjoyed, last Saturday, the largest and most successful Fourth of July celebration ever witnessed in that city, and the same is reported of Manistee, Paw Paw, Traverse City and Pontiac.

Capt. D. M. Caldwell, of Beaver Lake, one of the pioneers of Washenaw county, died of pneumonia Saturday evening. His funeral will be held at Ann Arbor to-day. He was a member of the F. and A. M. of West Branch Lodge.

Alonso Stone, held at Rogers City for the murder of Constable McTear, escaped from jail on Sunday to the woods, it is supposed. It is supposed he has friends who endeavored to take him to Canada by sail boat Sunday night.

The Caledonia News says: This district contains 1,400 retail dealers in liquors, 3,500 retail tobacco dealers, 82 cigar manufacturers, 19 brewers, 10 wholesale liquor dealers, 44 retail and 24 malt liquor dealers, and one rectifier.

Theodore C. Phillips, whose home was in Monitor Township, Bay County, died on Saturday night. He was postmaster in Bay City eight years, when he resigned to take the management of the Bay City Tribune. He retired to farm life in 1881.

The aggregate of lake shipments of iron ore this year up to July 1, from Marquette, L'Anse, St. Ignace and Escanaba, is 619,410 tons, which is half a million tons short of the amount shipped from those four ports up to a corresponding date last year.

The Delta County Mirror, published at Escanaba, has made its appearance, its initial number being dated July 1. It is published by the Escanaba Printing and Publishing Company, with J. H. Chatterton as editor and manager. It is Democratic in politics, being the only outspoken Democratic paper in the iron section.

Dr. Reynolds lectured on temperance at Shelby the first of last week, and the Reporter takes occasion to remark that if this noted temperance apostle would discard some expressions like "played out," "all broke up," "clean game," "don't you forget it," etc., he would leave a better impression. In spite of those defects, however, more than 250 signed the pledge.

The Mason Lumber Company's warehouse, at Alpena, occupied by the Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Company, burned on Saturday with the contents, consisting of freight of all kinds. The loss is estimated at \$5,500 with only \$1,000 insurance on the building. Only the heroic work of the fire department saved the range of eleven brick stores and the large frame warehouse nearly adjoining.

## MARK TWAIN.

### How He Narrowly Missed Discovering a Fortune.

An interesting reminiscence of the Time When He Was a Pocket-Miner in California—Mark's Lack of Backbone at a Critical Period.

(Alta California.)

The position of the pocket-miner among the other inhabitants of the frontier region very much resembles that of the bee-hunter among the people of the frontier settlements in agricultural regions. The business as follows also has several points of resemblance to that of the bee-hunter. The trail followed by one leads him to the tree stored with sweets, and that of the other ends in a pocket of sweetest gold. The man who becomes an expert bee-hunter is likely to remain a bee-hunter all his days, and the same may be said of the pocket-miner.

Mark Twain's narrow escape from becoming a pocket-miner has never been told. It is worth recording, as it gave him the story of the "Jumping Frog," and sent him off along the line of the literary life and set him to scratching therein for pockets of fun.

In 1850 Mark was a Bohemian life in San Francisco, and went up into the mining regions of Calaveras County to rusticate with some old friends—Steve, Jim and Billy Gillis. Jim Gillis was, and still is, one of the most successful pocket-miners in California. Although educated with a view eventually to fight the battle of life as a physician, and though still finding solace in his leisure moments in the works of Greek and Latin authors reading on a shelf in his cabin, Jim Gillis looked for life as a pocket-miner. The business has charms for him that he can not break away from—he is bound to it in chains of gold. Show him a particle of quartz gold on the side of a mountain, and if it came to where it was found through the process or accidents of nature undisturbed in any way by the interference of man, he will as unerringly trace it to its source as the bee-hunter will follow the bee to its hive of sweets.

Mark Twain found the Bohemian style of mining practiced by the "Gillies boys" much more attractive than those more regular kinds which call for large outlay of muscle. He and Jim Gillis took to the hills in search of golden pockets and spent some days in working up the undisturbed trail of an undiscovered deposit. They were on the golden "bee line" and stuck to it faithfully, though it was necessary to carry each sample of dirt to a small stream in the bed up a canyon in order to pan it out. Each step made sure by golden grains, they at last came upon the pocket which had thrown these grains off. It was a cold, dreary, drizzling day when the "home deposit" was found. The first sample carried to the stream and washed out yielded but a few cents. Although the right vein had been discovered, they had as yet found but the "tail-end" of the pocket. Returning to the vein, they dug a sample from a new place, and were about to carry it down to the ravine and test it when the rain began to pour down heavily. With chattering teeth Mark declared he would remain no longer. He said there was no sense in freezing to death, as, in a day or two, when it was bright and warm, they could return and pursue their investigations in comfort. Yielding to Mark's entreaties, backed as they were by his blue nose, humped back, and generally miserable and dejected appearance, Jim emptied the sacks of dirt upon the ground, first having hastily written and posted up a notice of their claim to a certain number of feet on the vein, which notice would hold good for thirty days. Angelo's Camp being at no great distance from the spot, while their cabin was some miles away, Mark and Jim struck out for that place. The only hotel in the little mining camp was kept by one Coon Drayton, an old Mississippi River pilot, and at his house the half-frozen pocket miners found shelter. Mark Twain having formerly followed the business of pilot on the Mississippi River, he and Coon were soon great friends, and swapped scores of yarns. It continued to rain for three days, and until the weather cleared up Mark and Jim remained at Coon's hotel.

The story of the "jumping frog" was one of the yarns told Mark by Coon during the three days' session, and it struck him as being so comical that he determined to write it up. When he returned to the Gillis cabin, Mark set to work upon the frog story. He also wrote some sketches of life in the mountains and mines for some of the San Francisco papers.

Mark did not think much of the frog story even after it had received the finishing touches. He gave the preference to some other sketches and sent them to the papers for which he was writing. Steve Gillis, however, declared that the frog story was the best thing Mark had written, and advised him to save it for a book of sketches he was talking of publishing. A literary turn having been given to the thoughts of the inmates of the Gillis cabin, a month passed without a return to the business of pocket-mining.

While the days were passed by Mark and his friends in discussing the merits of the "Jumping Frog" and other literary matters, other prospectors were at idle. A trio of Austrian miners who were out in search of good-bearing quartz happened upon the spot where Mark and Jim had dug into their lodge. It was but a few days after Twain and Gillis had retreated from the place in the pouring rain. The Austrians were not a little astonished at seeing the ground glittering with gold.

Where the dirt emptied from the sacks had been dissolved and washed away by the rain, lay some three ounces of bright quartz gold. The foreigners were not long in gathering this, but the speedy discovery of the notice forbade their diving into the deposit whence it came. They could only wait and "watch and pray." This hope was that the parties who had posted up the notice would not return while it held good.

The sun that rose on the day after the Twain-Gillis notice expired saw the Austrians in possession of the ground, with a notice of their own conspicuously and defiantly posted. The new owners cleaned out the pocket, obtaining from it in a few days, a little over \$7,500.

Had Mark Twain's backbone held out a little longer the sacks of dirt would have been washed and the great discovery made. He would not have gone to Angelo's Camp and would reliably or perhaps based on written the story of the "Jumping Frog," the story that gave him his first "boost" in the literary world, as the "Hoosier Chimes" gave Bret Harte his first lift up the ladder. Had Mark Twain found the gold that was captured by the Austrians, he would have settled down as a pocket-miner. He would never have

given up the chase, and till this day, gray as a badge, he would have been panning quartz, with Jim Gillis for his "partner" in a cabin somewhere in the Sierra Nevada mountains.



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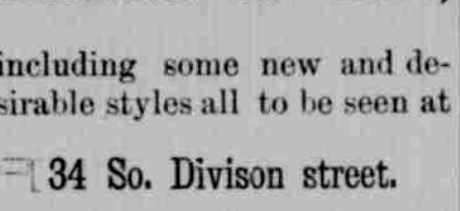
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